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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Simon McGurk *et al.*  
Title: GEL STABILIZED NANOPARTICULATE ACTIVE AGENT  
COMPOSITIONS  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

This communication is a follow-up to the Notice of Appeal dated August 6, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application, and is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This Amendment and Reply fulfills the requirement for a "submission" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c). Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: